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WILL ORGANIZE B. P. O. E. LODGE

In Palatka Next Tuesday—Business Houses Asked to Decorate.

The organization of a lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will be consummated in Palatka next Tuesday evening, June 20th. For nearly a year a number of prominent young men in this city have been working to this end. The order has a rule which does not permit of an organization in a city of less than 5,000 inhabitants. Palatka had to demonstrate in a practical way that it belonged to the cities of that class. It took time—and people. We had the time, and now have the people. And we are going to have the Lodge of Elks.

The preliminary meeting for organization was held at the city hall last Friday evening. About 45 were present. They represented the more active young business and professional men of the city.

Committees were appointed to see about securing temporary quarters and other matters needed for immediate organization. These committees reported at a second meeting last Tuesday night. The organization has leased the two upper floors of the Canova building on Lemon and Second streets. The upper room is a big hall. The lower, or second floor room will be used for social and club purposes.

Another committee has arranged for the final work of organization which is to take place next Tuesday night at the Wilson boat club rooms. The organizing officer will be Hon. H. H. Love, the District Deputy Grand Master, assisted by the members of the St. Augustine lodge and visiting Elks from Jacksonville, Ocala, Gainesville, Tampa. These visitors will be guests of Palatka Elks and to make a good impression on the minds of visitors, Palatka, the merchants will be asked to decorate with the Elks colors—purple and white.

The Palatka charter roll is made up of the very best blood of the city, including many business men.

Charter membership has been fixed at \$25. With 45 members to start with the new lodge will have over \$1,100 with which to furnish its reading, writing, social and pool rooms.

The new organization is receiving every possible encouragement from citizens generally. Messrs. H. F. Lecks, Walter McNally, Herbert Crook, H. M. Fearnside, F. H. Wilson, Mayor Davis, and others have been leaders in the movement.

Judge James T. Wills.
There is not a more popular man who visits Gainesville than the above named eminent jurist. Each night during his stay, when his day's work is ended, he is surrounded by a number of friends in front of the Brown House who enjoy an hour or two conversing with him.

The editor of the Sun has enjoyed the acquaintance of Judge Wills for the past fifteen years or more, having been associated with him in the legislative halls at one time, where he was recognized as a leader of leaders, and in every walk of life his eminent ability has impressed those with whom he came in contact. Thoroughly democratic, he is easily approachable, and all feel perfectly at ease in his presence. In this respect Judge Wills reminds us more of Governor Gilchrist than any other high official in the state, which is a credit to him.

To know Judge Wills is to admire him, and the better you know him the more you love him. At least such is the case with his Gainesville friends.

New Post Office Site.

The statement has been made and repeated in the streets of Palatka that Mrs. Walter Thomas had refused to sign a deed to the property on south Second street selected by the government for the new post office site. This statement is incorrect.

At the present time there is a suit in chancery asking for a division of the Thomas property among the heirs, some of whom are of age and still others are minors. When this suit is determined, no matter how, the court will be asked to appoint commissioners. It will be the work of the commissioners to sign the deed or deeds conveying the property to the government for purposes of a post office site. Neither Mrs. Thomas nor any of the other heirs oppose the sale of the Second street property to the government, and the present suit for a division of the property will in no way interfere with such transfer.

A petition has been in circulation on the streets for some time and has been numerous signed, asking the government to purchase property further up to 7th.

As the government has already selected the Thomas site after careful investigation and is fully aware of the condition of the title and the present suit, it is not likely that any change will be made.

The news makes these statements after a careful investigation of the facts. Those in a position to state that the site for Palatka's new post office has already been selected from among those originally offered, and that there is nothing in the way of its easy transfer according to law.

Married at St. Marks.

The marriage of Miss Helene Roxburgh to Mr. L. Dana Walden was solemnized at St. Marks Episcopal church last Sunday afternoon at 3:30, Rev. Wm. Wylie, officiating.

The wedding was a very quiet affair, only the near relatives and a few friends being present.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Weir Roxburgh of Glasgow, Scotland, who for the past year or more has made her home with her uncle, Mr. Thos. Murray of this city. For a time she was prominent in the social and literary work of the Palatka Woman's club, and by reason of a most gracious and charming personality coupled with rare vocal accomplishments, is recognized as a social leader in Palatka.

John Walden is a son of the late Col. John Walden of Syracuse, N. Y., and for several years has made his home with his step-father, Mr. Stuart Vorden of this city, secretary and treasurer of the Selden Cypress Door Co. and secretary of the board of trustees for county bonds. He is a young man of fine presence and brilliant parts and with every promise of a brilliant career.

"I STILL LIVE" WRITES JOHNSON.

Crescent City Man Denies Suicide Story.

Last week the News told of the suicide of a man in a New York hotel. The New York Herald stated that "from papers found on the man's body, it was supposed he had been Homer Johnson of Crescent City, Fla."

This paper simply published the story and added the information that the only Homer Johnson who had lived in Crescent City was the son of H. F. Johnson, now living in south Florida. It was natural, in the absence of news to the contrary, to suppose that he was the man who had declined to "krunt and sweat under a weary life when he, himself, might his quietus make with a bare bodkin."

But it was not Homer Johnson late of Crescent City. "Twas" mother Johnson, as is evident from the following letter received on Tuesday last:

"Coleman, Fla., June 11th, 1911.

"Mr. W. A. Russell,

"Palatka, Fla.

"Dear Sir—I was very much surprised today to read my obituary in your paper, and I would be glad if you would correct same, for I am at present enjoying good health and hope to live for quite a while yet.

"I have always heard that it took a man with lots of brains to kill himself. If that is so I can not have but very few for that is the last act I would ever think of. I enjoy life too well for that.

"I came to Coleman two years ago and took up my father's old trade and am at present doing real well financially. "I am at a loss to know the circumstances in the case. It must have been some one under an assumed name, for I am the only Homer Johnson that ever lived at Crescent City.

Yours truly,

HOMER F. JOHNSON.

The News regrets the notoriety thus given to a good man by having his name mixed with that of a suicide. But the mixing was done by the other fellow. The writer of the above letter is remembered in Crescent City as a solid young man, honest and of industrious habits, and when the story of his supposed suicide was read by his old friends they expressed doubt of the real suicide's identity.

Powell-Walters Wedding.

From the DeLand News of last week we take the following account of the wedding of Mr. Paul Edward Powell, son of Mr. M. A. Powell, and Miss Nellie Walters of DeLand.

One of the prettiest weddings that has been witnessed in DeLand for some time occurred in the First Baptist church Wednesday, June 7th, at 12 o'clock, when Miss Nellie Walters and Mr. Paul Edward Powell were made man and wife.

Preceding the entrance of the bride, Dudley Buck's beautiful song, "When Hears are Young," was sung by the choir, led by Miss Mary L. Butterfield. Miss Nabel Wilson acting as accompanist.

Miss Eva Baker presided at the organ and played the ever beautiful Mendelssohn wedding march as the bridesmaids and the groomsmen entered from the vestibule. The bride was accompanied by her uncle, Mr. Robert P. Walters, and preceded by the maid of honor, Miss Bessie Walters. The groom was accompanied by his best man, Mr. A. Lee Powell and entered from the vestry, meeting the bride at the altar, where Rev. C. A. Owen in an impressive ceremony pronounced them man and wife.

The bridesmaids were Misses Ethel Watts, Edith Baguley, Mary Camp and Eliza Powell; the groomsmen, Messrs. Hugh Bracey, Harry Powell, James Wilkinson and Carl Miller.

The bride was handsomely gown in white satin hand made and embroidered with seed pearls, wearing as her only ornament a diamond brooch, the gift of the groom, and carried a shower bouquet of brides roses.

Miss Bessie Walters was charming in pink marquette over pink silk with a picture hat to match, and carrying pink roses. The bridesmaids were charmingly gowned in lingerie gown of white and carrying bouquets of white carnations. The bride presented each with a beautiful brooch set with pearls while the ushers received stick pins of similar designs.

The church was decorated with palms, ferns and magnolias and the arrangement was such as to give a very pleasing effect.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride's mother, Mrs. M. A. Powell, and her sister, Mrs. H. F. Johnson, served a delicious luncheon to the guests, which was very much appreciated by the many present.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell left on the afternoon train for an extended trip in the East, after which they will be at home at Fair Bluff, N. C.

This popular young couple have the heartiest and best wishes of a host of friends in DeLand.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Miss Mary Wilkinson, Jack Wilkinson, Miss Bertie Wilkinson, and L. James Wilkinson of Palatka; Mr. and Mrs. Hal Powell of Herndon; Harry Powell of Fernandina; Misses Mary and Jennie Camp of White Springs; Miss Pearl Feltus of Fair Bluff, N. C.; Miss Eva Powell of Jacksonville.

Popular Young People Marry.

Miss Mary B. Rowley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rowley of San Antonio, and Mr. Harry C. Bailey of the same place, were married at the Methodist parsonage in this city last Monday, at noon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Howard Duffell.

The bride and groom are very popular young people of San Antonio and their many friends are wishing them every happiness. Mr. Bailey is employed at the Rowley store, and is a son of the late Horace Bailey.

Getting in the "Plute" Class.

Announcement has been made that at a meeting of the directors of the Commercial Bank held Tuesday evening the resignation of Thomas K. Cureton as a member of the board was received and E. Noble Calhoun, Esq., was elected to the vacancy and was made regular counsel for the bank. Mr. Calhoun has identified himself permanently with the bank and will prove a valuable addition to the Commercial directorate.

St. Augustine Record.

The Palatka News \$1.00 a year.

NO FARMERS ON PALATKA COUNCIL

N. Y. Promoters Fail to Secure Blanket Lighting Franchise.

The city council met in special session Wednesday night to consider a proposition from F. R. Clarke of Jacksonville, who asked the city to GIVE himself "and associates" an electric lighting franchise.

The matter was presented to the council in diplomatic language by one of the "associates," who discoursed learnedly and smoothly about electric lighting plants in general and what Mr. Clarke and "his associates" would do for Palatka in particular, provided they secured the franchise. They would give a good anti-up-to-date 24-hour service and at lower rates than the city was now paying. Of course they did not want to make their proposed rates public for the reason that it would appear like unseemly competition with the present lighting company, for whom "Mr. Clarke and his associates" had only the kindest feeling. But he could assure the council that if the franchise was granted that satisfactory rates could be agreed upon.

Senator Hilburn followed for the Palatka Gas Light & Fuel Co. He stated that there was not business for two lighting companies in this city. He also pointed out the fact that if the franchise asked for was granted that city would be at the mercy of the men who owned it. That they might make low rates for a time, but that with such a franchise as they asked, nothing could prevent "Mr. Clarke and his associates" from changing to a higher rate whenever they saw fit to do so. Mr. Hilburn also talked of the injustice the council would be doing to Mr. Bailey and his associates by granting the asked for franchise. They were Palatka men who had invested their money in the lighting business; they had struggled along with the city in all the years of adversity and now that an era of grove was assured it was proposed to wipe out their investment, which represented the labor of years.

Mr. Hilburn was followed by Mr. Hunter of Ocala. Mr. Hunter has been negotiating with Mr. G. Loper Bailey for some weeks for the purchase of the plant of the Palatka Gas Light & Fuel Co. Of course he would not buy if the asked for franchise was granted. There was no business to warrant two companies here. If the franchise was not granted and he succeeded in purchasing the present plant his company would spend \$25,000 for modern equipment.

Earlier in the meeting two communications were read from the Palatka company. One proposed its sale to the city as provided in its charter, under the law, and the other was offered to private parties. The second made voluntary reduction in the price of gas from \$2.50 to \$2.00, and for cooking purposes from \$2.00 to \$1.75 per 1000 cubic feet.

As expected the council turned down the blanket franchise asked for by the promoters. But it referred the matter of a franchise to the ordinance committee and Mayor Davis and City Attorney Odom. These gentlemen will prepare an ordinance and submit it to the promoters. If the ordinance thus prepared is one that protects the people of Palatka in all their rights, and is specific in such little matters as rates, etc., the promoters will not be likely to accept it.

Some of the aldermen may look a trifle like farmers. Any way they are quiet, inoffensive, appearing lot of men and it is possible these franchise promoters thought they would be "easy." They were mistaken. The News could have told them their mistake in advance.

In connection with this attempt at a franchise, the News has but little comment to make and which it will put in the form of questions to the people of this city, i. e.

Has not Palatka reached a period in its development when a public service franchise has a distinct money value? Could any emergency arise at this time which would justify the city council in GIVING AWAY a valuable 30 year franchise to any public service corporation?

Is it dignified in the city council to waste time in dickering with a crowd of professional promoters, franchise grabbers and speculators?

The fact that these men insulted the intelligence of the aldermen of this city by asking them to grant such a blanket franchise as that of Wednesday night, is sufficient answer to the latter question.

The first two relate to matters of municipal management which the people of Palatka should discuss now and settle.

Mr. and Mrs. Helms Entertain.

The Helms home at East Palatka was the scene of a large gathering of young people last Wednesday evening, the occasion being a party tendered Miss Emma Hightower of Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Helms have an enviable reputation for their hospitality and nearly all the young people who were invited, availed themselves of the opportunity, for they knew there was a good time in store for them at this pleasant East Palatka home.

About twenty-five guests from Palatka were present, the party going and returning by automobiles. The Palatka contingency was augmented by many East Palatka young people, making altogether some thirty-five, and it would have been difficult to find a more congenial assemblage.

During the evening many games were indulged in on the spacious and brilliantly lighted verandas and on the lawn, and needless to say, these furnished amusement.

Delicious fruit punch and ice cream was served.

And the wee sma' hours were approaching rapidly when the merry crowd began to disperse.

Mr. and Mrs. Helms have a most beautiful home, and their hospitality is of that old time southern variety, where everyone is made to feel perfectly at home, and where many have enjoyed more than one pleasant evening.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams Here.

Hon. W. A. MacWilliams of St. Augustine, one of the big and influential men of the Florida legislature, and who has been generally accorded this distinction for all the years he has served in that body from St. Johns county, was a distinguished visitor in Palatka on Tuesday.

During his brief visit here the News was favored with a pleasant call, at which time it was learned definitely that Mr. MacWilliams will also be in the race for Representative in Congress from the Second district to succeed Congressman Frank Clark. Mr. MacWilliams will also prove a strong candidate.

INTERLACHEN ITEMS.

The Children's Civic League was handsomely entertained on Wednesday afternoon at Annular by Mrs. Annie C. Jones. This little society, in conjunction with the Jenny Wren Club is enthusiastically supported by the young girls and their small sisters, and under the faithful and efficient leadership of Mrs. Jones, the members are learning many things that will be helpful to them in future years.

Rev. S. J. Townsend conducted services at Grove Park last Sunday, consequently the pulpit of the Congregational church here was vacant on that date. There were, however, services at the Methodist church both morning and evening.

The small cottage on Lake Lagonda, known as "Oak Cottage," the winter home of G. W. Hastings in the early pioneer days of Interlachen, has been torn down and removed. It is reported that Miss Mary Willis, who has owned the property for several years, will proceed in the near future to carry out her plans for erecting a beautiful bungalow, plans which were deferred because of serious illness. It is daily remarked that there is more repair work, and more minor improving to buildings, in progress now in our town than has been the case for a decade, and our winter visitors will hardly recognize us with our new paint, new roofs, new walks, and let us hope earnestly for this clean streets.

Mr. Burritt Stiles was taken quite seriously ill last Sunday, but is now somewhat improved.

Miss Clarence Fraser has gone to Lawton for a month's visit with relatives there.

Colonists continue to come in on every train arriving from the north, and three automobiles are kept constantly busy conveying them over the lands of the company.

Col. and Mrs. McMurtry of McMeekin were business visitors on Wednesday.

Comrade Lee of Mannville is recovering from an illness resulting from lead prostration.

POMONA LETTER.

Mrs. Sadie Platt and little Loreen have arrived from St. Petersburg, and will spend the summer with Mrs. Platt's father, Dr. W. Perry.

Charlie Williams of Birmingham, Ala., is a guest of relatives here for a couple of weeks.

Miss Mercedes Keown of DeLand is up on a several week visit with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Knowlton.

Miss Edith Krook has been on the sick list for about ten days, but is now improving, and her friends hope to see her out again soon.

Miss Grace Green of Tampa is visiting her aunt Mrs. W. S. Middleton for a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Middleton have made several trips to Palatka lately in their auto.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Olmstead expect to depart the latter part of this month for Tennessee, to spend the next three months near Knoxville, the home of their daughter, Mrs. Lottie Welch.

W. M. Williams, Miss Florence, Mrs. W. S. Middleton and three children arrived Monday from a pleasant trip to Tampa.

Miss H. Tinsley has for her guest Mrs. M. E. Parks from Carruthersville, Missouri.

R. C. Middleton left Monday for a trip through west Florida.

Special Tax for School Districts.

The county school board has requested the board of County Commissioners to add the following school taxes for the various special tax school districts of the county, Palatka, Florahome, Interlachen, Johnson, Bardin, Crescent City, San Mateo and Penick, each 3 mills, Pomona and Bostwick each 2 mills; Francis 1 mill. This tax is added to the regular county levy.

Palatka, Home of Prophetess.

A telegram from Santa Fe, New Mexico, of recent date and published in several western dailies stated that "Santa Fe is to be destroyed by a flood, an earthquake and fire on Friday and Saturday, according to an astrologer, Mrs. M. F. Dunham of Palatka, Fla., who writes to Postmaster C. C. Burke and Mayor Arthur Seligman."

But this destruction never touched 'em and the people of Santa Fe are awaiting further information from the prophetess.

They can't quite understand what the lady has agin 'em. Time was when Santa Fe was a full-fledged cow-boy town, where the faro bank, the saloon and the brothel were the centers of social and political influence, and "shoot-up" was the town's innocent amusement of its young men. But times and social conditions have changed. New Mexico is knocking for admission to the sisterhood of states and is rapidly undergoing social regeneration. In society the faro bank has given place to lawn tennis and golf, and the young ladies, instead of "busting" a bronco for an afternoon's diversion now have bridge parties and pink teas. The saloon has been regulated and the brothel has been relegated to the rear. The heaven of civilization is getting in its work, and the people feel that their social and moral advance should entitle them to immunity from such disasters, at least until their statehood has been recognized.

But the people were greatly disturbed over this prediction of the Palatka prophetess, especially the politicians and those who have only dreamed of graft. They think Mrs. Dunham has not kept herself informed as to their successful endeavors to copy the civilization of the east, and have importuned the Palatka News, known far and wide as a journal of power in the work of moral and political uplift, to induce her not to further interfere with their advance by threats of destruction, but rather to forgive the past and send 'em a word of encouragement for the future; to think of the happy homes that would be made desolate through fire and flood; the orphans that would have to be provided for with milk at 15 cents the quart. They beg her, if she must have a quake, to tackle Tomson, Ga., the home of Tom Watson, a man who has grown gray predicting another class of upheavals.

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